

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, please cancel the heading "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION."

Please cancel paragraph 0001 in its entirety.

Please amend paragraphs 0008, 0031, 0037, and 0039 as follows:

[0008] One of the objects of the invention is to make it easier to steer of a gliding apparatus, particularly on soft or powdery ground.

[0031] As seen in FIG. 4, a first lateral side edge 39 connects the first lateral edge 26 of the gliding surface 3 to a connecting surface 40 of the support surface 2. Similarly, a second lateral side edge 41 connects the second lateral edge 28 of the gliding surface 3 to the connecting surface 40. The top 14 and the connecting surface 40 demarcate the thickness of the support surface 2. In the transverse traverse direction, the first 39 and second 41 side edges close the space between the support 2 and gliding 3 surfaces.

[0037] The closure could be temporary, in which case the cover 51 could be screwed, ratcheted, or affixed by any appropriate means for this purpose. The closed volume 42 is thus demarcated by the cover 51 on the side of the support surface 2. This volume can remain hollow or be filled with a plastic foam or any equivalent material. The type of filling contributes to dampening the vibrations. In addition to its main function mentioned previously, the support cover 51 45 hides the periphery peripheral limit 55 of the opening 50 and of the cover 51.

[0039] According to the embodiment, there are three grooves, namely a first lateral groove 56, a central groove 57, and a second lateral groove 58. For each of the lateral grooves 56, 58, a section with ridges is was provided, in order to promote the steering stability on a flat surface. For the central ridge, a rounded concave section is was provided, which can be useful during certain acrobatic maneuvers. As a matter of fact, the user can take support with the bottom 35 on a surface relief that is itself rounded, such as that of a railing.